



Agenda

Meeting: **Council**
Date: **23 February 2022**
Time: **7.00 pm**
Place: **Council Chamber - Civic Centre Folkestone**

To: **All Members of the Council**

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend a meeting of the Council on the date and at the time shown above.

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Chief Executive

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1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Declarations of Interest (Pages 5 - 6)**

Members of the Council should declare any discloseable pecuniary interest or any other significant interests in any item/s on this agenda.

3. **Minutes (Pages 7 - 26)**

To receive the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 29 September and 24 November 2021 and 10 February 2022, and to authorise the Chairman of the Council to sign them as a correct record.

4. **Chairman's Communications**

5. **Petitions**

There are no petitions to be presented.

6. **Questions from the Public**

There are no questions from the public.

7. **Questions from Councillors**

(Questions can be found on www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk from noon 2 days before the meeting, on Modern.gov, under the agenda for this meeting).

Up to 45 minutes is allowed for questions from councillors.

8. **Announcements of the Leader of the Council**

To receive a report from the Leader of the Council on the business of the cabinet and on matters that the leader considers should be drawn to the council's attention. The leader shall have 10 minutes to make his announcements.

The opposition group will have an opportunity to reply to the leader's remarks. The opposition group leader shall have 5 minutes to respond after which the Leader of the Council will have a right of reply. Any right of reply will be for a maximum duration of 5 minutes.

9. **Opposition Business**

There is no opposition business.

10. **Motions on Notice**

There are no motions on notice.

11. **General Fund Budget and Council Tax 2022/23 (Pages 27 - 54)**

This report concludes the budget setting process for 2022/23. It sets out recommendations for setting the council tax after taking into account the district's council tax requirement (including town and parish council requirements and special expenses in respect of the Folkestone Parks and Pleasure Grounds Charity), the precepts of Kent County Council, the Kent Police & Crime Commissioner and the Kent & Medway Fire & Rescue Service.

12. **Draft Housing Revenue Account Revenue and Capital Original Budget 2022/23 (Pages 55 - 68)**

This report sets out the Housing Revenue Account Revenue and Capital Budget for 2022/23 and proposes an increase in weekly rents and an increase in service charges for 2022/23.

13. **Capital Strategy 2022/23 and Minimum Revenue Provision Statement 2022/23 (Pages 69 - 86)**

This report sets out the Council's proposed strategy in relation to capital expenditure, financing and treasury management in 2022/23 to be approved by full Council. The report also sets out the Prudential Indicators for capital expenditure and the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement for 2022/23 to be approved by full Council.

14. **Investment Strategy 22/23 (Pages 87 - 104)**

This report sets out the Council's proposed strategy for its service and commercial investments in 2022/23 to be approved by full Council.

15. **Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2022/23 (Pages 105 - 130)**

This report sets out the proposed strategy for treasury management for 2022/23 including Treasury Management Prudential Indicators.

16. **Amendment of delegation arrangements by the Leader of the Council (Pages 131 - 132)**

Under the Council's constitution the Leader of the Council decides on the delegation of cabinet functions. The Leader may amend the delegations at any time by giving written notice to the Head of the Paid Service. Where such a notice is received the Head of the Paid Service must submit a report on the amendments to the next ordinary meeting of the Council. This report sets out the amendments made by the Leader.

17. **Report to Council on a decision made in accordance with the constitution's call-in and urgency rule (Pages 133 - 136)**

The constitution provides that, when an urgent decision is made by the Cabinet or Cabinet Member, for which any delay in implementation, likely to be caused by the call-in process, would seriously prejudice the Council's

or public interest, then the 'Call-in Rules of Procedure', Part 6.3, rules 1-6 do not apply. Decisions, taken as a matter of urgency, must be reported to the next available meeting of the Council, together with the reasons for urgency.

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Councillors' Questions:

1. From Councillor Jim Martin to Councillor David Monk, Leader of the Council

Can the Leader explain how the calculation for the affordable housing provision equates to 30% when the affordable housing allowance was moved from Imperial Green onto Princes Parade?

2. From Councillor Jim Martin to Councillor David Monk, Leader of the Council.

We understand that both Prince's Parade and South Rd have been sold to a mystery buyer for £26.6M. Can the Leader explain how this figure was derived?

3. From Councillor Jim Martin to Councillor David Monk, Leader of the Council.

Everyone will have seen the photographs of the badgers on Prince's Parade. Can the Leader tell us how a badger sett was completely missed by the Council's Environmentalists on Prince's Parade?

4. From Councillor Lesley Whybrow to Councillor David Godfrey, Cabinet Member for Housing and Special Projects.

As a result of the clearance work on Princes Parade last week there has been a lot of concern from local residents about the health risk from the contamination and from airborne particles in particular. There has also been ongoing concern about this since the works carried out in the reptile area in the autumn which has clearly exposed items from the former landfill. In order to reassure local residents would you please ask the contractors to install the active dust monitoring immediately?

5. From Councillor Laura Davison to Councillor Mrs Jenny Hollingsbee, Cabinet Member for Communities.

Please could you provide a list of the dates and times that SWEPEP (the severe weather emergency protocol) has been activated in our district since Jan 1st 2022?

6. From Councillor Laura Davison to Councillor David Monk, Leader of the Council.

Residents around the Leas pavilion development continue to have concerns about the impact of construction across a range of issues. They don't feel listened to. What can be done to address this?

7. From Councillor Connor McConville to Councillor John Collier, Cabinet Member for Property Management and Grounds Maintenance.

Could the council please provide an update on the work being undertaken with regards to the Ship St site? Our website states that work will begin in late 2021 and be completed by 2024.